

**Question on Notice
No. 954
Asked on Thursday, 22 August 2024**

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND CLEAN ECONOMY JOBS (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the Draft Brady Report, which on page 108 of Part B refers to a Maintenance Work Management Review from 2019 which says and I quote 'Backlog maintenance exceeds approved limits across all sites'—

Will the Minister specifically outline what maintenance at the Callide Power Plant had exceeded approved limits as per the 2019 Maintenance Work Management Review Dr Brady has referred to?

ANSWER

Maintenance backlog is a critical, but standard part of a business' overall asset management process. The backlog contains the maintenance work that has been approved but not yet completed. Maintenance tasks are risk assessed and prioritised based on the potential impact on safety, reliability, and operations.

The size of a heavy industry's backlog evolves depending on a range of organisational and seasonal factors. Generally, the 'size of the pile' of backlog items is larger in the lead up to an overhaul, with large amounts of work orders identified and scheduled during the overhaul when the plant is de-energized.

Maintenance at CS Energy is categorised per the following:

- Preventative maintenance, which is planned maintenance based on the plant's maintenance strategy.
- Corrective maintenance, which addresses plant defects.
- Statutory maintenance, which is typically any maintenance task that is linked directly to legislation.

Timeframes for completing maintenance are determined by the maintenance category and the priority in relation to the level of risk.

At the time of the 2019 maintenance work management review, Callide Power Station had an internal target that measured maintenance backlog performance by the number of outstanding work orders, with a target of 90% of all work orders being completed by the due date set by CS Energy.

The internal target was not met across the three categories.